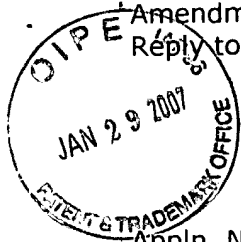


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Responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page            of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page            of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page            of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page            of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.